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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities  
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945 and 1946 /1

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	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /4	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /3	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, October 1946	23,117	641	103,198	31,666	1,385	2,552	4,303	3,747	3,731	43,953	218,293
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,744	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	214,034
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.6	2.4	4.9	-15.3	37.2	23.5	5.0	-20.0	2.3	2.0
Estimated cars, November 1946	21,945	424	84,489	29,589	1,675	2,011	4,505	5,182	5,250	45,800	200,870
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,593	38,668	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	44,200	204,252
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.7	3.5	-23.5	-1.2	-2.5	42.3	4.5	15.8	3.6	-1.7
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	80,709	32,165	1,480	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,748	41,381	192,581
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,613	38,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	192,801
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	8.2	-16.1	-8.8	-21.4	9.5	0.2	10.0	2.0	-0.1
Estimated cars, January 1946	21,406	579	83,757	29,524	1,674	1,472	2,928	2,687	4,364	37,946	186,337
Number cars shipped January 1945	19,472	472	80,619	33,244	1,970	1,690	2,937	2,559	4,430	37,016	184,409
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	12.3	3.9	-11.2	-15.0	-12.9	-0.3	5.0	-1.5	2.5	1.0
Estimated cars, February 1946	19,892	481	73,662	32,966	1,606	1,282	3,191	1,754	4,391	35,887	175,112
Number cars shipped February 1945	19,406	426	75,324	28,301	1,867	1,512	3,099	1,670	4,458	34,847	170,910
Percentage increase or decrease	2.5	12.9	-2.2	16.5	-14.0	-15.2	3.0	5.0	-1.5	3.0	2.4
Estimated cars, March 1946	19,418	410	85,379	27,951	1,822	1,523	3,907	1,714	5,299	42,193	189,616
Number cars shipped March 1945	21,576	481	83,831	31,224	2,119	1,876	3,946	1,632	5,566	40,879	193,130
Percentage increase or decrease	-10.0	-14.8	1.8	-10.5	-14.0	-18.8	-1.0	5.0	-4.8	3.2	-1.8
Estimated cars, April 1946	16,227	500	89,377	24,454	1,572	1,160	3,933	1,107	6,665	28,396	173,391
Estimated cars, April 1945	20,160	562	75,264	25,231	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	164,517
Percentage increase or decrease	-19.5	-11.0	18.8	-2.7	-25.5	-23.8	1.0	4.5	-1.8	1.7	5.4



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Estimated cars, May 1946	17,228	311	86,337	25,423	1,827	1,623	5,150	1,525	8,567	30,133	178,124
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,157	28,687	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	180,206
Percentage increase or decrease	-16.3	-21.1	6.4	-11.4	-24.7	-14.2	-1.0	0.0	-7.1	3.5	-1.2
Estimated cars, June 1946	16,964	228	89,179	19,577	2,145	2,097	5,669	1,681	8,675	33,960	180,175
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,324	29,501	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	183,372
Percentage increase or decrease	-12.8	18.1	12.4	-33.6	-30.2	6.2	4.2	-16.5	-10.9	4.0	-1.7
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349	427	85,798	39,760	2,556	2,716	4,591	2,147	6,612	34,684	198,640
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,383	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,871
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2	9.8	8.1	22.9	-18.5	27.3	-8.4	0.0	-24.9	5.5	6.3
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,663	522	78,995	34,063	2,552	2,817	4,282	2,423	5,516	35,660	187,493
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,111	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,230
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.0	-5.3	9.5	8.3	-7.6	10.9	-7.9	3.2	-25.0	6.5	4.6
Estimated cars, September 1946	20,417	403	93,770	27,655	1,820	3,154	4,119	2,700	4,370	39,841	198,249
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	86,920	29,247	1,880	2,542	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	190,949
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	6.1	7.9	-5.4	-3.2	24.1	7.2	2.5	-25.0	10.1	3.8

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for January, February and March 1945.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in January, February and March 1945.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. September, October, November and December 1946 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

/5 In January, February and March 1945 this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 222 carloads originated, less canned meats. The other 9 months of 1945 and the 12-months of 1946 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 In January, February and March 1945 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 9 months of 1945 and the 12 months of 1946 are estimates of the same movement.